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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON SWEDISH AMBASSADOR OBERG'S VISIT TO CAMBODIA

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1. ACCORDING TO A SWEDISH DIPLOMATIC SOURCE, THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT APPROVED IN ADVANCE THE DEC. 22-24 VISIT TO CAMBODIA OF THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND, JEAN-CHRISTOPHE OBERG, DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE IS NOT ACCREDITED TO PHNOM PENH. (SWEDEN'S AMBASSADOR TO PEKING, WHO IS CURRENTLY VISITING PHNOM PENH, IS ACCREDITED CONCURRENTLY TO CAMBODIA.)

2. THE RESONS CITED FOR THIS UNUSUAL ACTION WERE THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP OBERG HAD WITH CAMBODIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE SRV, SOK KHEANG, DURING OBERG'S VISITS TO HANOI AND OBERG'S WARM FRIENDSHIP WITH PM KRIANGSAK. OBERG REPORTEDLY DID NOT REPEAT
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NOT CARRY ANY MESSAGE FROM THE THAIS TO THE CAMBODIANS BUT DID RETURN WITH A MESSAGE FROM THE CAMBODIANS CALLING FOR A RENEWAL OF THAI-CAMBODIAN RELATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JOINT THAI-CAMBODIAN COMMUNIQUE OF NOVEMBER 75 AND AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN MEETING WITH THE THAI. A THAI-CAMBODIAN MEETING TOOK PLACE SHORTLY AFTER OBERG'S RETURN.

3. OBERG WAS STRICTLY INSTRUCTED BY STOCKHOLM NOT TO TALK ABOUT HIS VISIT BUT DECIDED TO PROVIDE SOME COMMENTS TO A JOURNALIST "HE COULD TRUST" WHICH RESULTED IN AN ALLEGEDLY DISTORTED REPORT ON HIS TRIP IN THE MEDIA. DESPITE HIS BREACH OF INSTRUCTIONS AND THE SUBSEQUENT RUMORS THAT HE WOULD BE RECALLED, OBERG IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN AT HIS PRESENT POST.
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